

# Request for Remote Public Input for House Select Committee on COVID-19 Public Comments Report - LINC

Date Submitted	Category	Name	Comments
04/05/2020 09:25 PM	Education Working Group	Alissa Van Atta	This is just cruel, they are helpless to contract this in that close space. If they are old, non violent, this is just the right thing to do.
04/06/2020 09:26 AM	Education Working Group	Beverly Thomas	I support encouraging mail in ballots by providing prepaid postage.; eliminating the witness requirement; and enhanced checking of all mail in ballots. I am a concerned citizen and poll worker.
04/06/2020 02:14 PM	Education Working Group	Dr. Hampton Hopkins	<p>Representatives Horn and Fraley,</p> <p>As the president of Carolinas College of Health Sciences, I am concerned that the work of the House Select Committee on COVID-19 Education Working Group will consider only those institutions identified as part of the University of North Carolina system, the North Carolina Community College system, or members of the NC Association of Independent Colleges and Universities. Carolinas College is a subsidiary of Atrium Health, exists by virtue of the Hospital Authorities Act [North Carolina General Statute 131E-23(a)(31)], and enrolls students from 11 counties in the Greater Charlotte region and beyond.</p> <p>As resources and services for higher education institutions are identified, I am hopeful that Carolinas College will be among the institutions considered. We currently serve approximately 640 students annually enrolled in critical healthcare fields such as nursing, medical laboratory science, radiologic technology and other disciplines. We are a singular mission institution focused on educating, engaging and empowering professionals for the evolving healthcare environment – and now is more critical than ever for the institution to have the necessary resources to ensure our students can graduate on time and fill needed healthcare positions.</p> <p>Like all colleges and universities in North Carolina, we are following the current guidance of offering virtual classes and remote work. Our 73 faculty and staff have transitioned to the online environment in record time to ensure the continued quality of our educational experience. With graduation rates exceeding 76%, more than 98% of our students pass their licensure/certification exams on the first attempt and more than 89% accept employment within a few months following graduation. It is important that we have the resources to continue to provide this level of quality expected of our healthcare partners, including Atrium Health.</p> <p>I appreciate your considering Carolinas College within the Education Working Group as you make decisions that impact higher education. I am available to provide more information or to address specific questions if needed. I can be reached at 704-614-2785 or via email at <a href="mailto:hampton.hopkins@carolinascollege.edu">hampton.hopkins@carolinascollege.edu</a>.</p> <p>Thanks for your time,</p> <p>Hampton Hopkins, EdD President</p>